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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 7, 2006, the period for response having been extended on additional month, i.e., from May 7, 2006 to June 7, 2006, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.